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In reply refer to  
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May 21, 1947

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Reference is made to the memorandum of April 11, 1947 from General Vandenberg, and to previous correspondence concerning the safeguarding of information in communications which refer to Central Intelligence Group activities.

In accordance with the request made by General Vandenberg, appropriate notification is being made to American Diplomatic and Consular Officers and to the Department advising that all communications pertaining to Central Intelligence Group activities and personnel must be classified CONFIDENTIAL or higher.

There are attached, as was requested, copies of the Foreign Service Serial Instruction and the Departmental Announcement advising of the above security requirements.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

John E. Peurifoy,  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosures:

Copy of draft Circular Instruction  
Copy of draft Departmental Announcement.

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**SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION IN COMMUNICATIONS  
WHICH REFER TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
GROUP ACTIVITIES**

To

American Diplomatic and Consular Officers.

Sirs:

In order to achieve the degree of security which the activities of the Central Intelligence Group require, the Department will hereafter classify all such communications **CONFIDENTIAL** or higher.

Accordingly, all communications received, originating or transmitted over State Department communication facilities, which refer directly or indirectly to the procurement, location, relief from duty, promotion, names, operations, movement, pay, and other matters concerning Central Intelligence Group personnel and activities, as well as movement of equipment and supplies, should be classified **CONFIDENTIAL** or higher and should not be mentioned in plain text, **UNCLASSIFIED** or **RESTRICTED** communications.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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I By an agreement with the Director of Central Intelligence to provide security protection to communications which refer to Central Intelligence Group activities, the Department will classify all such communications ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ or higher. The Foreign Service has been advised of this requirement through a Serial Instruction.

II Accordingly, all messages received, originating or transmitted over State Department communication facilities, which refer directly or indirectly to the procurement, location, relief from duty, promotion, names, operations, movement, pay, and other matters concerning Central Intelligence Group personnel and activities, as well as movement of equipment and supplies, will be classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ or higher and will not be mentioned in plain text, UNCLASSIFIED or RESTRICTED communications.

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